



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6546**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE PREVALENCE OF THE HEPATITIS C VIRUS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Department of Correction, in  
2 collaboration with the Department of Public Health, the Insurance  
3 Department and the Comptroller, shall study the prevalence of  
4 inmates in correctional institutions and facilities with the hepatitis C  
5 virus. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, the (1)  
6 screening of inmates for the hepatitis C virus, (2) feasibility of  
7 treatment of inmates who test positive for the virus, (3) health  
8 outcomes of such inmates, (4) cost of and insurance coverage for such  
9 treatment, and (5) feasibility of leveraging available federal funds to  
10 cover the cost of such treatment. Not later than January 1, 2020, the  
11 Commissioner of Correction shall report, in accordance with the  
12 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the  
13 findings of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
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**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.